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ART. XI. — CRITICAL NOTICES.

1. — *An Oration pronounced before the Literary Societies of Amherst College, August 23, 1836.* By CALEB CUSHING, Boston; Light & Stearns. 8vo. pp. 40.

THIS discourse, like all the productions of Mr. Cushing, is scholarlike and able. It breathes an ardent love of letters, and of country. Its main topic is popular eloquence, and its power in a republic like the United States. Mr. Cushing is a forcible writer, and abounds in illustrations drawn from a wide field of learning. His remarks on the eloquence of the ancients are discriminating. He awards them due applause for the glorious specimens of popular and forensic eloquence they have left us, without denying the moderns the ability to match them with their own weapons. While however we have read this oration with great pleasure, and think it well adapted to the audience and the occasion, we cannot but avow our opinion that Mr. Cushing's style is too elaborate. It is copious enough, but does not flow gracefully and easily. It has not what may be called a just modulation. The beginning, we think, does not strike the right key. The first sentence is as full and sounding as the last, as if the author had already worked himself up to a high pitch of feeling, and struck in, in mid-volley. This gives too artificial a cast to the oration.

However, it is hardly worth while to pick flaws in a piece of such various merit. We wish one in a hundred, of the orations which come upon us by the thousand, were a hundredth part as good.

2. — *Surgical Observations on Tumours, with Cases and Operations.* By JOHN C. WARREN, M. D., Professor of Anatomy and Surgery in Harvard University, and Surgeon of the Massachusetts General Hospital. Boston; Crocker & Brewster. 1837. 8vo. pp. 607.

THIS work was published, just as the present sheet was going to press. We have not had time therefore to examine it with